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**syner-get-ic** \sin-or-'jet-ik\ *adj* [Gk *synergētikos*, fr. *synergiein* to work with, cooperate, fr. *synergos* working together, fr. *syn-* + *ergon* work — more at WORK] : SYNERGIC  
**syner-gic** \sə-'nɔr-jik\ *adj*: working together : COOPERATING  
**syner-gic-al-ly** \-jī-k(-)lē\ *adv*  
**syner-gid** (\sə-'nar-jəd, -sin-or-\ *n* [NL *synergida*, fr. Gk *synergos* working together]: one of two small cells lying near the micropyle of the embryo sac of a seed plant  
**syner-glom** \sin-or-'jiz-əm\ *n* [NL *synergismus*, fr. Gk *synergos*] : cooperative action of discrete agencies such that the total effect is greater than the sum of the effects taken independently  
**syner-gist** \-'jest\ *n*: something (as a chemical or a muscle) that enhances the effectiveness of an active agent; broadly: either member of a synergistic pair  
**syner-gis-tic** (\sin-or-'jis-tik\ *adj* 1: having the capacity to act in synergism (< drugs) (the effects on science of decisions in industry or wherever there is a close or abrasive interface — *Science News*) 2: of, relating to, or resembling synergism (a ~ reaction (a ~ effect) — **syner-gis-tic-al-ly** \-tī-k(-)lē\ *adv*  
**syner-gy** \sin-or-'jē\ *n* [NL *synergia*, fr. Gk *synergos* working together] combined action or operation (as of muscles); specifically: SYNERGISM  
**syn-e-sis** (\sin-o-'ses\ *n* [NL, fr. Gk, understanding, sense, fr. *synie-nai* to bring together, understand, fr. *syn-* + *ienai* to send — more at JET]: a grammatical construction in which agreement or reference is according to sense rather than strict syntax (as anyone and them in "If anyone calls, tell them I am out")  
**syn-es-the-sia** (\sin-'ez-zēz(-)-ē\ *n* [NL, fr. *syn-* + *-esthesia* (as in *anesthesia*): a concomitant sensation; esp.: a subjective sensation or image of sense (as of color) other than the one (as of sound) being stimulated — **syn-es-thet-ic** \-'thet-ik\ *adj*  
**syn-ga-my** \sin-'ga-me\ *n* [ISV]: sexual reproduction by union of gametes  
**syn-gen-etic** (\sin-'jē-tik\ *adj* [Gk *syngenetia* kinship (fr. *syn-* + *genetikos*, kin) + *E* <- more at KIN]: genetically too similar to react antigenically >> grafts within an inbred strain)  
**syn-i-ze-sis** (\sin-'zē-sis\ *n* [LL, fr. Gk *synizein*, fr. *synizein* to sit down together, collapse, bleed, fr. *syn-* + *hizein* to sit down; akin to L *siderare* to sit down — more at SUBSIDE] 1: contraction of two syllables into one by uniting in pronunciation two adjacent vowels 2 a: the massing of the chromatin of the nucleus preceding the maturation division b: SYNAPSIS  
**syn-kary-on** (\sin-'kar-ē-'ān, -ōn\ *n* [NL, fr. Gk *syn-* + *karyon* nut — more at CAREEN]: a cell nucleus formed by the fusion of two preexisting nuclei  
**syn-dod** (\sin-əd-also -id\ *n* [LL *synodus*, fr. LGK *synōdos*, fr. Gk, meeting, assembly, fr. *syn-* + *hodos* way, journey — more at CEDE] 1: an ecclesiastical governing or advisory council: as a: the governing assembly of an Episcopal province b: a Presbyterian governing body ranking between the presbytery and the general assembly c: a regional or national organization of Lutheran congregations 2: the ecclesiastical district governed by a synod — **syn-dod-al** \-d(-)l-also -id-, -id\ *adj*  
**syn-dod-ic-al** (\sin-'hid-ik-ləl or syn-dod-ik-'ik\ *adj* 1: of or relating to a synod 2 *usu synodic* [Gk *synodikos*, fr. *synodosis* meeting, conjunction]: relating to conjunction; esp.: relating to the period between two successive conjunctions of the same celestial bodies  
**syn-dodic month** *n*: a lunar month  
**syn-onym** (\sin-'nim\ *n* [ME *synonyme*, fr. L *synonymum*, fr. Gk *synōnymon*, fr. neut. of *synōnymus* synonymous, fr. *syn-* + *onyma* name — more at NAME] 1: one of two or more words or expressions of the same language that have the same or nearly the same meaning in some or all senses 2: a symbolic or figurative name : METONYM 3: a taxonomic name rejected as being incorrectly applied or incorrect in form — compare HOMONYM — **syn-onym-ic** \sin-'nim-ik\ or **syn-onym-ic-al** \-ik\ *adj* — **syn-onym-ity** \-'nim-ət-ē\ *n*  
**syn-on-y-mist** (\sə-'hän-sə-'mst\ *n*: one who lists, studies, or discriminates synonyms  
**syn-on-y-mize** \-'miz\ *v*; -mized; -mizing 1 a: to give or analyze the synonyms of (a word) b: to provide (as a dictionary) with synonyms 2: to demonstrate (a taxonomic name) to be a synonym  
**syn-on-y-mous** (\mə-'s\ *adj*: having the character of a synonym; also: alike in meaning or significance — **syn-on-y-mous-ly** *adv*  
**syn-on-y-my** \-'mä\ *n*, pl -mies 1 a: the study or discrimination of synonyms b: a list or collection of synonyms often defined and discriminated from each other 2: the scientific names that have been used in different publications to designate a taxonomic group (as a species); also: a list of these 3: the quality or state of being synonymous  
**syn-op-sis** (\sə-'näp-səs\ *n*, pl -op-sees \-'sēz\ [LL, fr. Gk, lit., comprehensive view, fr. *synopsasthai* to go to see together, fr. *syn-* + *opsissthai* to be going to see — more at OPTIC] 1: a condensed statement or outline (as of a narrative or treatise) : ABSTRACT 2: the abbreviated conjugation of a verb in one person only **syn-** SEE ABRIDGMENT  
**syn-op-size** \-'siz\ *v*; -sized; -sizing 1: to make a synopsis of (as a novel) 2: EPI TOMIZE  
**syn-op-tic** (\sə-'näp-tik\ also **syn-op-tic-al** \-tī-kəl\ *adj* [Gk *synoptikos*, fr. *synopsasthai*] 1: affording a general view of a whole 2: manifesting or characterized by comprehensiveness or breadth of view 3: presenting or taking the same or common view; specifically: often cap: of or relating to the first three Gospels of the New Testament 4: relating to or displaying conditions (as atmospheric or weather) as they exist simultaneously over a broad area — **syn-op-tic-al-ly** \-tī-k(-)lē\ *adv*  
**syn-os-to-sis** (\sin-'is-'tō-səs\ *n*, pl -to-sees \-'sēz\ [NL]: union of two or more separate bones to form a single bone  
**syn-no-via** (\sə-'no-vē-, si-\ *n* [NL]: a transparent viscous lubricating fluid secreted by a membrane of an articulation, bursa, or tendon sheath  
**syn-o-vi-al** (\və-'vi-\ *adj*: of, relating to, or secreting synovia

**syn-o-vitis** \si-na-'vit-s\ *n*: i  
brane

**syn-ep-a-lous** ('sin-'sep-o-las)  
**syn-tac-tic** ('sin-'tak-'tik) or **syn-**  
**tactic**, fr. Gk *syntaktikos* arran-  
relating to, or according to the  
tac-tic-al-ly \ti-k(-)l\ *adv*

**syn-tac-tics** \-'ti-ka\ *n pl* but *sing*  
otic that deals with the formal  
sions in abstraction from their s  
**syn-tax** ('sin-'taks) *n* [F or LL]:  
syntaxes to arrange together, f  
at TACTICS) 1: a connected o  
rangement of parts or element  
are put together to form phra  
part of grammar dealing with  
with the formal properties of la  
**syn-the-sis** ('sin(-)-tha-see\ *n p*  
to put together, fr. *syn-* + *tithe*  
a: the composition or combir  
form a whole, b the produc  
chemical elements, groups, or s  
dation of a complex compound  
conception into a coherent w  
2 a: deductive reasoning b:  
and antithesis into a higher sta  
**syn-the-size** \-'siz\ *v* & *adjs*:  
duce by synthesis 2: to ma-  
synthesis

**syn-thet-ic** \-'si-zer\ *n* 1:  
of diverse views' 2: an e-  
tion and control of sound (as fr  
**syn-thet-ize** ('sin-'tha-, -tāz, -tā  
that catalyzes the linking toget  
current splitting off of a pyrop  
also *ligase*

**'syn-thet-ic** ('sin-'thet-'ik) also  
*thetikos* of composition, compo-  
1 relating to or involving sys-  
uting to a subject a predicate t  
subject b: EMPIRICAL c: n  
being negated 3: characteri-  
inflected forms to express gr  
duced artificially : MAN-MADE  
: devised, arranged, or fabric  
or replace usual realities c:  
CIAL — **syn-thet-i-cal-ly** \-'ki-  
2 **synthetic** *n*: something re-  
occurring naturally; esp: a pr-  
cal synthesis

**synthetic division** *n*: a sim-  
mial by another polynomial  
only the coefficients of the  
changing the sign of the com-  
place the usual subtractions by  
**synthetic geometry** *n*: elem-  
tive geometry as distinguished  
**synthetic resin** *n*: RESIN 2  
**synthetic rubber** *n*: RUBBER  
**syn-ton-ic** ('sin-'tän-'ik) *adj* [G  
+ *tonos* tone] : normally res-  
interpersonal environment —  
**syphil-** or **syphilo-** *comb fos*  
philology? (*sphylloma*)

**syph-il-is** \-'sil(-)'lās\ *n* [NL]:  
sive Morbus Gallicus (*Syphil*  
Girolamo Fracastoro) : a cl  
often congenital disease (*cum*  
*ludum*) and characterized by s  
used over many years — **syph**  
**syph-ilolo-gist** \-'sil(-)'läl-o-jē-  
the diagnosis and treatment o  
**syph-ilolo-gy** \-'jē\ *n*: a bra-  
lis

**sy-phon** var of SIPHON

**sy-ren chiefly Brit var of SIREN**

**Syr-rette** \ə-'ret\ trademark  
fitted with a hypodermic ne-  
medical agent

**Syr-i-ac** \sir-'ē-ak\ *n* [L *syria*  
ancient country in Asia) 1:  
ern Aramaic dialect and used  
by several eastern Christian  
Christian communities + Sy

**Syr-Ian hamster** \sir-'ē-an-\  
**sy-rlin-ga** \ə-'rin-gä\ *n* [NL  
panpipe]: PHILADELPHUS

**sy-rlinge** \-'sriŋj\ also 'sir-inj  
injection, fr. Gk *syrringē*, sy-  
pipe; Skt *rūpaṇa* flute) : a de-  
draw them from something  
device that consists of a noz-  
ible rubber bulb and is used  
strumant (as for the injecti  
bodily fluids) that consists o  
and a hollow needle c: a  
fitted with a long rubber tul  
that is used for irrigation of t  
2 **syrringe** *v* **sy-rynged**; **sy-rl-**  
if with a syringe

**sy-ryn-or-my-el-la** \ə-'rin-gō-  
tax tube, fistula + NL = my-  
the spinal cord associated w  
phy., and spasticity — **sy-rlin-**

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